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Michael Clarke  
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London, United Kingdom  
IG11-9DQ

Re: FOIA Request EPA-HQ-2014-003864

Dear Mr. Clarke,

I write regarding your November 2013 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, which you directed to the Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) (copy enclosed). In your request, you seek the following information: "exemplar hard copy data [about drinking water] legislative toxic tort suits adjudicated in favor of the Agency;" and "any supplementary civil law case report particulars relating to enforcement actions regarding violations to polluted indoor air quality...[s]pecifically asbestos related infringements, whether in a domestic or commercial setting."

Your FOIA request has recently been assigned to the Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance (OECA). In order to respond to your request OECA asks you to please clarify the scope of your original request, which seems broad and unclear. If possible, at your earliest convenience please contact me by email or phone to discuss modifying your request. Your November 2013 request included only the above-referenced physical mailing address, so this is the only means we have of corresponding with you at this time.

Please contact me at (202) 564-2412 or [king.carol@epa.gov](mailto:king.carol@epa.gov) about clarifying your request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Carol DeMarco King". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the last name "King" being particularly prominent.

Carol DeMarco King  
Municipal Enforcement Branch  
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Administrator  
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OFFICE OF THE  
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT

Dear Ms. McCarthy

Re: International Drinking Water Safety Standards : Air Quality Thesis. DW. A - 01.

My name is Michael Clarke, a post graduate environment law student carrying out a research thesis for my P.H.D. for the Copus Welfare Agency here in the United Kingdom.

The thesis's remit, is to evaluate through selective process a collection of illustrative Enforcement Action case reports taken by the Environment Agency regarding various civil complaints/lawsuits brought against Drinking Water Companies. Predominantly those relating to the presence of chemical toxic substances such as radiation, lead, pesticides e.t.c. and bacterial micro organisms entering the drinking water chain. Legal case reports which are good examples of the drinking water purity standards set by the Environmental protection Agency, and the interpretive workings of American Health & Safety laws.

Ms. McCarthy, I would be deeply indebted, if your Agency could forward to me exemplar hard copy data of the above legislative toxic tort suits adjudicated in favour of the Agency, (plaintiff). Similarly, Administrator, the acquisition of any supplementary civil law case report particulars relating to enforcement actions regarding violations to polluted indoor air quality. Specifically asbestos related infringements, whether in a domestic or commercial setting would also be of prime importance? In addition to explanations of the legislative regulations which govern the various empowerment actions themselves.

I cannot stress enough the kind response I have had from the many people who have helped and supported my academic studies over the years, and would value your considerate input in the same vein of appreciation.

It is hoped that this courteous Information request meets with your kind approval.

Yours sincerely

Michael Clarke  
Environment Research Student.

c.c. Information Commissioner.